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Herein are summarized 12 *Reports* published in 1968. They analyze major controversies which are still desperately important to the nation. They suggest constitutional solutions, ignored by the Johnson administration.

It would be well if leaders of the new administration, and members of the new Congress, could be induced to read these 12 *Reports*. The men at the helm of our federal government ought at least to be exposed to the rationale of constitutional government. Some of them might eventually turn to this rationale for the solution of dangerous problems which collectivism created and which will only be made more dangerous by the continuation of unconstitutional collectivist programs.

NONPROLIFERATION TREATY

On the day the Outer Space Treaty of 1967 was signed, President Johnson—knowing the Soviets were then testing the kind of orbital bomb the treaty outlawed, but concealing that fact from the public—said agreement on the treaty gave a hopeful sign that other American-Soviet agreements would follow. The first American-Soviet agreement to follow was a treaty to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons—a pact which had been in negotiation since 1961. After six years, the Soviets accepted our draft of a nonproliferation treaty. We accepted their demand that inspections be conducted by the International Atomic Energy Agency, which is communist dominated. If the nonproliferation treaty is ratified by the Senate, it will be used as a stepping-stone toward others until we reach the ultimate goal of internationalist liberals: a treaty pledging us to total disarmament. Such a treaty would disarm us, but not the Soviets.

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GOLD COVER

In 1944, the United States had 60% of all known gold reserves; the total of foreign claims against our gold was insignificant; we had been enjoying surpluses in our annual balance of payments for almost 50 years. Liberals and communists, claiming that world trade would stagnate if the U.S. continued to dominate the international monetary supply, demanded policies that would distribute our gold reserve to other nations. Our government adopted such policies in 1945. The balance of payments started running against us in 1950. By mid-February, 1968, our gold reserve had shrunk to less than $12 billion; foreign claims against it had risen above $30 billion. President Johnson demanded removal of the requirement that 25% of American domestic currency be backed by gold, so that our entire gold reserve could be used for foreign redemption.

THE POVERTY WAR GRAVY TRAIN

While productive citizens work to provide tax money for idle reliefers and those on poverty war payrolls, the poverty warriors incite the reliefers to hatred of the white power structure for not providing enough free and easy living. Millions of tax dollars are funneled into the hands of those who would destroy our country, with no audits or other controls on how they use the money.

THE SACKING AND BURNING OF WASHINGTON

In April, 1968, Negro mobs burned, looted, robbed, assaulted, murdered, and threatened wholesale slaughter in Washington, D. C. Whites were beaten, hit by rocks, bottles, clubs; kicked and dragged by gangs of howling Negroes; pulled from their cars and stomped in the streets. Motorcycle officers were hauled from their vehicles, stoned and mauled. Police in cruising cars, and firemen trying to get to fires, were targets. Police, under orders not to shoot, could do nothing. Congress panicked and passed the open-housing law that Negro agitators had been demanding.

CRIME AND ITS REWARDS

The federal government's policy of restraint in handling Negro riots requires police to let Negroes burn, destroy, steal, and assault, rather than hurt some of them by using enough force to stop them. The policy is based on the assumption that Negroes will be mollified when they perceive that authority is more interested in protecting Negro rioters than in protecting white property—and on fear that use of force against Negroes will make them more violent. Never before in history has a nation hired vandals to sack and pillage; protected them from police while they were engaged in such activities; excused them from prosecution; and rewarded them for their criminal behavior—all of which the United States is doing today.

SLUMS FOR EVERYBODY

An expensive high-rise apartment city which government built for low-income workers in St. Louis was taken over by reliefers and converted into a cesspool of filth and crime. The same thing is happening, on a city-wide scale, to Washington, D. C. Liberals are financing, with our money, the rape of our nation's capital; and they have a scheme for spreading the condition to every community in the land. The fair housing law forces the sale or rental of property to anyone who comes along. The scheme is for government to lend or give all poor people enough money to buy or rent wherever they please, and provide them a guaranteed annual income. The only way we can stop this insane drive is to end all unconstitutional spending by the federal government and prevent federal court interference and dictation in state and local affairs.

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THE LITTLE OLD LADY IN TENNIS SHOES

The little old lady in tennis shoes was a symbol created a few years ago, by political intellectuals of the left, to ridicule Americans who warned of the danger of communism. Many Americans were duly intimidated. They shut up about the communist menace. Then strange events began to happen: assassinations, violence on the campuses, anarchy in the cities. The little old lady in tennis shoes, who has been right all along, would now suggest that—instead of more gun-control laws to render the people defenseless in a time of anarchy—we need quick, relentless enforcement of existing laws.

TALKING OUR BOYS TO DEATH

Two weeks before halting the bombing of North Vietnam, President Johnson admitted that such a halt would endanger the lives of our men in Vietnam. He was right. With North Vietnam protected from American attacks, the North Vietnamese poured more men and weapons into the South, intensifying their attacks against cities and civilians, and against U. S. forces. We should declare war on North Vietnam and fight with all our strength for military victory. We should renounce the SEATO treaty (which was the excuse for getting us into the Vietnam mess) and then leave Asians alone to fight their own wars with their own men in their own way.

SUBSIDIZED SEX AND INSTANT WELFARE

Federal welfare policies have encouraged the breeding of illegitimate children as a cash crop, and have caused the piling up in big cities of unemployed people who go where they can get more welfare benefits for doing nothing, than self-supporting, tax-paying citizens can earn by working. To alleviate these grave problems, 20 states have "substitute father" rules to deny aid for dependent children to a woman who illegally cohabits with a man other than her husband. Forty-six states have residency rules to keep newcomers to the state off state welfare rolls for a minimum time. Poverty war agencies and ultra-liberal groups challenged these state welfare rules in federal courts and had them overthrown—thus forcing taxpayers to subsidize illegitimacy.

A GREAT TRAGEDY OF OUR TIME

Scholars have presented impressive evidence that the learning ability of white and Negro children is unequal and that forced, unnatural mixing in schools, far from helping Negroes, can have a most damaging effect upon them. Yet, the federal bureaucracy—cruelly indifferent to the basic welfare of the people, white or black, but greedy for the political support of organized Negro groups—is forcing upon school systems the most harmful kind of unnatural integration. Washington bureaucrats, in violation of law and with the threat of withholding all federal aid, require school systems to shuffle children around to achieve an undefined racial balance. We, the people, cannot control the Washington bureaucrats directly; but Congress and the President could control them.

HOW TO STOP STUDENT RIOTS

During the spring of 1968, small groups of militant students crippled major American universities. The most publicized affair was at Columbia where communist-led thugs spent some 10 days in illegal possession of university buildings, committing theft and vandalism, burning manuscripts of unpublished books, demolishing files, defecating on the carpets, scattering broken whiskey bottles around, hanging communist pictures on the walls, flying communist flags from the windows.

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The most disgusting instance of total, groveling surrender to a tiny minority of hoodlums was at Northwestern University. Communists are behind the student riots, but that is of less consequence than the fact that college officials generally lack the character for resolute action against lawless faculty members and students.

LET'S START ELECTION REFORM NOW

The electoral-college system devised by our Constitution is a superb means of electing Presidents. As used, however—permitting the candidate who gets only a plurality of votes in a state to get all of the state's electoral votes—the system is a travesty on the election process. Some 200 efforts to change the present system by constitutional amendment have failed. A desirable, constitutional reform (without a constitutional amendment) can be achieved, however, by state legislation. This reform would preserve the geographical distribution of power which the Constitution prescribed. In electing Presidents, all states would have strength equal to their strength in electing members of the national Congress, which is what the Constitution intended.

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